

**MINUTES OF BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY, 13 March, 2017 AT 7.30pm  
IN BUCKLAND VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:**

Parish Councillors:-

N. Hayward (Chairman)  
A. Penn (Vice Chairman)  
Mrs C Paternoster  
C. Carlile  
Mrs S Gillingham  
H. Caglayan  
C. Tufnell MBE  
Mrs F Lippmann (Clerk)

**17.037 Apologies**

No apologies were received

**17.038 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Mrs Gillingham declared an interest in Planning item- Canal Farm  
*The Chairman closed the meeting for Open Forum (public participation)*

**17.039 Open Forum**

- a. Why is there a delay in the decision on Petford Lea? *The AVDC Landscape Officer has not yet responded to the application.*
- b. Some of the street lights along London Road have been updated.
- c. Facebook reports that a dip, opposite the Meela Restaurant, has been cleared by a resident. *The Parish Council will write to the resident and thank him.*
- d. The Clerk will ask Aston Clinton PC who empties their bins along the highway.  
*The Chairman reopened the meeting*

**17.040 Minutes**

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, were agreed, and signed by the Chairman.

**17.041 Clerk's Report**

Finance

Section 137 expenditure limit for 2017/18 has been confirmed at £7.57 per household. (This is the amount the Parish Council can spend on items not listed within the Powers and Duties).

The water bill for the allotment site has now been transferred to Castle Water Limited, following Thames Waters' decision to exit the retail market in the non-household retail services from 1 April, 2017.

In error, Martin Childs was paid instead of Martin Cook during the payment run. This was reversed immediately, as reflected on the bank statement.

The deemed contract rate for the unmetered supply of street lighting has been reviewed by both Bucks CC (in their project to bulk buy power) and E-on (the current supplier). Neither could improve on the current Unmetered Supplies plan, even though the price was increasing from 14.40 per kWh to 15.75 per kWh.

It is anticipated that by the end of the financial year (30<sup>th</sup> March, 2017), and the receipt of an outstanding VAT return, the reserves will be in the region of £50k.

Burial Ground

The large memorial stone has been erected by Martin Cook.

Additions to graves needs to be addressed. (small fences, plastic grass, stone trinkets). The Clerk asks that as these additions are contrary to the issued rules of the Burial Ground, letters are sent to, 'respectfully remind the families that the maintenance of the area is being obstructed by these additions and that as these are contrary to the rules of the Burial Ground, so in order to keep the area mown and tidy, these items are removed. The Parish Council can arrange for this to be done and hold on to the items for collection if the families are unable to do it themselves.

Last year it was agreed that some of the yew trees were cut to 'cups' as they are looking rather tatty. Are there any feelings over which trees shall be treated in this way? A quotation is being prepared for consideration at the meeting.

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The next meeting will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> April at 6 pm

### Dog fouling

The dog waste bins have been installed.

### Village Hall

The wifi that is used in the Village Hall has undergone a review and the Clerk has now put this into her own name at a cost of £20.99 per month for a period of 12 months. A reduction of about £25 per month.

### Footpaths

A report has been submitted to BCC Rights of Way Team, detailing that Footpath no 14 has two signs on a locked gate, warning of guard dogs. This is considered an illegal obstruction.

Mrs A Boscombe spoke with the Clerk, to ask about access to Monks Court via the bridleway BLD.3.1. She stated that previously vehicular access had been granted by Joanne Taylor of BCC and in thanks, her husband had resurfaced part of the bridleway. The Clerk referred her to speak with BCC again.

### Grants

A meeting of the Gib Lane Fund Committee has been scheduled for 7pm on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2017. This is where the parishes affected by the solar farm discuss the applications for funding. As far as I am aware, there have been no applications from Buckland, but the funding will roll forward. (iro £2k pa for Buckland).

## **17.042 Finance**

### a. Contractual payments, paid by BACS

E-on (street lighting)	13/02	111.47
British Telecom	21/02	19.50
E Sharp (street lighting repair)	21/02	74.51
M Gould (tidying up of hedge to burial ground)	21/02	150.00
Wendover Arm Trust (subscription)	21/02	25.00
F Lippmann (salary January + expenses)	27/02	666.88
Halton Parish Council	27/02	100.00
M Gould	27/02	170.00
BALC Course Cemetery Management	02/03	136.05
British Telecom	02/03	67.89
Martin Cook Studio	02/03	3810.00

### Receipts

Interest	09/02	2.53
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### Balance on accounts

00270426	280.17
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b. It was proposed and agreed that the Gib Lane Grant funding would be applied for to purchase a defibrillator for the Village Hall.

## **17.043 Planning**

### **Items to be considered:-**

17/00577/ATC | T1: Sycamore. Remove to ground level. T2: Various shrubs: Reduce lateral growth by approx 2m. Both the above are to allow more light into the neighbouring property | Stopse House Main Road Buckland Buckinghamshire HP22 5HZ *The Parish Council considered the application and had no objections.*

*Cllr Mrs Gillingham left the room*

Advice that 17/00018/NONDET – Canal Farm – has been appealed - Members will consider whether they wish to add further comments to the Planning Inspectorate. *This refers to a Permitted Development application The Clerk was tasked to ask AVDC for the status of refusal determinations in order to respond to the request. Summary: Is this proposal the original application that was refused, that has by passed all the other matters. The PC wish to make a valid response and will address this at the next meeting following receipt of the correct paperwork.*

*Cllr Mrs Gillingham was asked to return to the meeting room*

## **17.044 Policies and Procedures**

All current policies and procedures were considered and accepted. There were no changes pre-submitted for policies or procedures.

## **17.046 Consultations**

There were no consultations to consider.

## **17.047 VALP**

Cllr Mrs Paternoster explained the current status of the VALP. AVDC have been told to carry on with their plan for pre-submission VALP in April/May 2017. The document will start carrying weight from May/June, 2017.

**17.048 Roadways and Transportation**

- a. The VAS has been installed on Tring Hill but is not yet operational
- b. The slip road on to the A41 bypass has been resurfaced
- c. The starting date for Buckland Landscapes cutting schedule will be circulated to members
- d. Maintenance of the verges will be monitored. Over the last few years, parking has ripped up the verges and it is hoped that householders insist that verges damaged by builders or delivery vans, be reinstated by the perpetrators.

**17.049 Burial Ground**

- a. It was agreed that the yew trees between the burial ground and the churchyard would be cut into 'goblets'
- b. Families will be informed of the Terms and Conditions of grave maintenance, memorials etc.
- c. The Clerk will contacting the BCC Museum for discussions on returning the bones for interment
- d. The Clerk was asked to contact Came and Company, the Parish Council's insurers, to ensure that all insurance obligations are met.

**17.050 Grass keep and Allotments**

During the last LAF meeting, Charles Baker, from the Canal and River Trust gave a talk. He explained that the navigable stretch will be no further than it currently is and that C&RT wish to work with the local parishes. The Clerk would contact Mr Baker and ask him to attend a meeting to discuss and help that Buckland Parish Council may give.

**17.032 Footpaths and Environment**

The Parish Council has been informed that the owner of Monks Farm was illegally given the right to use BLD.3.1 by BCC, in return for resurfacing work. This claim is being investigated by BCC.

**17.033 Web Site and Wi-fi**

- a. As stated in the Clerk's report, the wifi bill has been reduced to £20.99 per month.
- b. The addition of dog poo bins to the village will be added

**17.034 Matters of Report**

- a. Rectory Farm, Puttenham is on the market
- b. The A41 bypass road noise complaints procedure is ongoing
- c. Aston Clinton were asking for people to attend a meeting at AVDC regarding a new development proposal.
- d. Fly tipping was a noted problem within the Village and just outside the College Road site. It was commented that BCC had brought in a new permit system which may have added to the problem.

**17.035 Correspondence and circulars**

Were made available at the meeting.

**17.036 Date of next Parish Council Meeting**

The Chairman confirmed that the date of the next Parish Council Meeting would be held on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2017, at 7.30 pm

**The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.**

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Chairman of the Parish Council

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Date